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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PDEV RH US UK BC
SUBJ: RHODESIA: VISITS BY RHODESIAN NATIONALIST REPRESENTATIVES

1. JAN 9 ZAPU ORGANIZING SECRETARY FOR BOTSWANA, AARON MAPISA, CALLED ON EMBOFF FOR GENERAL DISCUSSION OF RHODESIAN SITUATION. HIS MAIN THEME WAS THAT PATRIOTIC FRONT WAS LOOKING TO THE U.S. AND UK TO HELP STOP THE PRESENT INTERNAL SETTLEMENT NEGOTIATIONS WHOSE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION, HE SAID, WOULD ONLY RESULT IN ADDITIONAL BLOODSHED. EMBOFF REPLIED THAT MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO PREVENT A BOGUS INTERNAL SETTLEMENT WOULD BE FOR PATRIOTIC FRONT TO JOIN US/UK IN PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN AS THE DESIRABLE ALTERNATIVE. HE SAID THAT U.S. WOULD NOT ASSOCIATE ITSELF WITH INTERNAL SETTLEMENT WHICH WOULD SEE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF MINORITY RULE IN RHODESIA AND WOULD NOT BE RECOGNIZED BY REST OF AFRICA AND WORLD.

2. MAPISA SAID HE WAS GREATLY RELIEVED TO KNOW OF ANGLO-
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AMERICAN VIEWS AND THAT OUR SUPPORT WAS NOT FORTHCOMING FOR A SETTLEMENT ON SMITH'S TERMS.

3. FYI: JAN 6, CHARGE' WAS VISITED BY ZANU (SITHOLE) SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS IN BOTSWANA KESIWE N. MALINDI WHO ATTEMPTED TO SOLICIT EMBASSY FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT BUT HAD LITTLE TO SAY ABOUT SALISBURY TALKS.

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4. COMMENT: GIST OF MAPISA'S MESSAGE VIRTUALLY SAME AS THAT
MADE BY BOTSWANA ZANU REP (77 GABORONE 3259) AND, FOR
THAT MATTER, SIMILAR TO VIEWS OF MUGABE REPORTED MAPUTO 0027,
IGME. THAT US/UK ATTITUDE TOWARD INTERNAL SETTLEMENT TALKS APPEARS
AMBIVILENT AND MANY AFRICANS HARBOR SUSPICION THAT US/UK
WOULD ACQUIESCE IN A SMITH-TYPE SETTLEMENT. EMBASSY WOULD
RESTATE ITS VIEW (77 GABORONE 3291) THAT IF "BOGUS" SETTLEMENT
REACHED IN SALISBURY WITHOUT AT LEAST A CLEAR OPPOSING US/UK
PUBLIC STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES ON THE RECORD BEFOREHAND, OUR
CREDIBILITY WILL SUFFER TO THE POINT WHERE ANY US/UK POST INTERNAL
SETTLEMENT EFFORTS LIKELY TO BE HANDICAPPED.
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